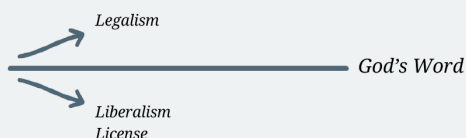


Quick Reference

The eight principles for studying
any passage of the Bible

1 The Line

Our task is to say what God says: not more (legalism), not less (liberalism). Stay on the line of his Word.



2 Good Questions

Follow the author's path to his meaning.

Ask: Who? What? When? Where? Then how? and why?



3 Genre

Read each kind of writing on its own terms.

Ask: What kind of writing is this? What is the author's tone?



4 Structure

Units of thought, arranged for a purpose.

Ask: What are the parts, and how are they arranged?



5 Traveling Instructions

Understand the context before you apply.

Ask: What needed to be transformed in them then that needs to be transformed in us now?

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6 Main Idea & Transformational Intent

What the author says, how, and why.

Ask: What is he saying, and what change does God seek?



7 Biblical Theology

One story, finding its fulfillment in Jesus.

Ask: How does this passage point us to Christ?



8 Text & Framework

The text is king; let it reshape us.

Ask: Where does this challenge how I think and live?



✦ Bring It Together

Aim for the change God intends from the text.

Ask: What is the main idea, and how will I respond?

*Read and pray your way through,
from beginning to end.*